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WE learn from *Nature* that a fund is being raised to purchase the very valuable scientific library of the late Professor Silvanus Thompson and to present it to the Institution of Electrical Engineers as a memorial of his life and work, the library to be accessible to the public on the same conditions as the Ronalds Library. Those who wish to subscribe to this fund or to have further information regarding it are requested to communicate with Mr. W. M. Mordey, 82 Victoria Street, London, S.W.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "In the death, on December 2, of Dr. Herbert Armistead Sayre, professor of mathematics and sometime professor of physics at the University of Alabama, there passed a true gentleman, and thousands of his past students will ever keep within their hearts a warm appreciation of his kindly friendliness and sterling worth."

THE death is announced of Mr. William Ellis, F.R.S., in his eighty-ninth year. Mr. Ellis was formerly superintendent of the Magnetical and Meteorological Branch of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. He joined the Observatory in 1841, and was attached to the astronomical department until 1874, having during the preceding eighteen years been in charge of the chronometric and electric branch.

DR. RAYMOND TRIPIER, former professor of pathologic anatomy at the Lyons School of Medicine, has died at the age of seventy-eight years.

WORD has come to this country of the death on the battlefield at Artois, France, on September 15, 1915, of Dr. Bernard Collin, of the staff of the zoological station of the University of Montpellier, situated at Cette. Dr. Collin had made a brilliant record by his researches on the cytology of the Suctoria and was regarded as one of the most promising of the younger protozoologists of France.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE University of Cincinnati has received by the will of Francis H. Baldwin, of Cincinnati, a bequest of approximately \$675,000 for the unspecified uses of the university.

JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE at Philadelphia has received a gift of \$150,000 from Miss Anna J. Magee to endow the Magee professorship for the practice of medicine and clinical surgery, now held by Professor Thomas McCrae. During the year, the college has received \$100,000 from Daniel Baugh to establish the provost professorship of therapeutics, held by Dr. Hobart A. Hare, and an equal sum from friends of the college to endow the Samuel D. Gross professorship of surgery, held by Dr. J. Chalmers Da Costa. It is understood that these gifts are intended to make unnecessary the merging of the Jefferson Medical College with the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania.

THE board of trustees of the Emma Willard School, Troy, N. Y., announces that, continuing her benevolence toward this school and the new Russell Sage College of Practical Arts, Mrs. Russell Sage has given \$250,000 toward the advancement of the work of this latter institution, the only requirement being that the money so given should be used the same way as the original gift of a like amount a year ago to establish the college.

FRIENDS of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, have expressed their intention of contributing £100,000 to the funds of the college, subject to a reservation of their right to make proposals to the council as to either the capital or the income.

HAROLD VEATCH BOZELL, E.E., director of the University of Oklahoma Electrical Engineering School, is temporarily serving on the Sheffield Scientific School faculty of Yale University. Dr. Alois Francis Kovarik has been appointed assistant professor of physics in the school.

MR. F. R. GRIFFITH, JR., A.M. of Washington University, who has been research assistant in physiology at Tulane University, has been elected assistant professor of biology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

DR. H. A. L. FISHER, vice-chancellor of Sheffield University, has been appointed president of the Board of Education in the new British cabinet.